

**DELAWARE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING**

Remotely Via Microsoft Teams

January 11, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation was held on Thursday, the 11th day of January 2024 remotely via Microsoft Teams.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. with Mr. Morris Deputy, Chair, presiding.

The following roll call was presented:

Present:

Morris Deputy, Chair
Representing Middletown
Tyler Reynolds, Alternate
Representing Middletown
Tom Coleman, Vice Chair
Representing Newark
Dave Del Grande, Alternate
Representing Newark
Charles Anderson, Treasurer
Representing Seaford
June Merritt, Alternate
Representing Seaford
Mary DeBenedictis, Secretary
Representing Clayton
Robert Cote, Alternate
Representing Clayton
Travis Stewart, Alternate
Representing Smyrna
Scott Blomquist, Director
Representing the MSC of New Castle
Ken Natale, Alternate
Representing the MSC of New Castle
Austin Calaman, Director
Representing Lewes BPW
Kim Bellere, Alternate
Representing Lewes BPW
Anthony Chipola, Alternate
Representing Milford
Kimberly Schlichting, President
Representing DEMEC

Absent:

Mark Whitfield, Director
Representing Milford
Sheldon Hudson, Director
Representing Smyrna

DEMEC Staff Attending: Heather Contant, Director of Government & Community Relations; Stephanie Dove, Chief Financial Officer; Scott Lynch, VP of Asset Development; Christine Siok, Executive Assistant.

Guests and Attendees: Max Walton, Attorney, Connolly Gallagher.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the following meeting(s) were presented for approval:

1. Minutes of December 7, 2023

Upon motion made by Clayton, to approve the minutes of the meetings of December 7, 2023, seconded by Lewes, the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Monthly Financial Report – October 2023 –

Ms. Stephanie Dove, CFO, presented the October 2023 Financial Reports.

In the current finance update, Ms. Dove noted that the debt service payment for Series 2021 Bonds was paid on time.

The audit final fieldwork is scheduled for the week of February 26th.

Ms. Dove reviewed the member financing pipeline projects.

The Moody's 2024 public power outlook and S&P credit monitoring reports were issued in December and were made available in board packets.

Ms. Dove ended stating there is a finance and accounting workgroup meeting being held on March 12th at 10:00. This invitation can be extended to members' involved staff.

Upon motion made by New Castle, to approve the Monthly Financial Report for October 2023, seconded by Seaford, the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

APPOINTMENTS/ELECTIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Mr. Morris Deputy, Director representing Middletown and Board Chair, stated the Executive Committee did not meet today.

Finance Committee – Mr. Charles Anderson, Director representing Seaford and Treasurer, noted that audit preliminary field work was conducted and there were no findings to report at this time. The field work should be completed in February with potentially presenting the results at the May Board meeting. The Finance Committee will meet with the auditors in advance of the May Board meeting to review in greater detail.

PRESIDENT’S REPORTS TO BOARD

Legislative/Regulatory Updates –

Ms. Kimberly Schlichting, President & CEO, stated that the president’s report will be discussed in executive session.

Offshore Wind Announcement –

To be discussed in executive session.

Governor’s Energy Advisory Council Update –

To be discussed in executive session.

City of Dover Membership –

To be discussed in executive session.

Power Supply – Energy Efficiency –

To be discussed in executive session.

Hosting Capacity Grant Funding Opportunity – 40101D –

To be discussed in executive session.

COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH

Ms. Heather Contant, Director of Government and Community Relations, provided an update on the Apogee shared service. This customer engagement tool will be launched to the public on February 1st. DEMEC staff will be conducting a webinar with the members’ customer service and communications staff on January 29th.

TRAINING & EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Ms. Schlichting noted the upcoming training and events listed on the agenda is for informational purposes. There are no reports this month.

SUSTAINABILITY & DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Scott Lynch, VP of Asset Development, provided an overview of the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) grant funding opportunities for grid modernization and AMI. Mr. Lynch is requesting member assistance in scheduling DEMEC on their February and/or March council/board meeting agendas to present opportunities for consideration.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session at 10:23 a.m. upon motion by Clayton, seconded by Lewes, to discuss the following:

1. To discuss personnel actions, strategic business and commercial generation operations, dispatch, negotiations, and planning.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

The Board ended executive session and returned to regular session at 11:50 a.m. upon motion by Clayton, seconded by Lewes, the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by New Castle, to approve enhancing the capacity hosting study grant application to include a dynamic hosting capacity mapping system for all eight (8) DEMEC member communities and budget an additional \$300,000.00 in CY 2025 for cost match, seconded by Seaford, the motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion made by Clayton, to approve new associate member proposal as set forth in executive session with any changes to proposal be brought back to the board for approval at a future date, seconded by New Castle, the motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion made by Clayton, to memorialize that Efficiency Smart is a DEMEC power supply strategy and that contract approval decisions will be made at the board level and that contract renewals and extensions are to be brought to the board for approval, seconded by Newark, the motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion made by Clayton, to authorize President & CEO to negotiate and investigate the parcel as discussed in executive session and to be brought back for future board approval, seconded by New Castle, the motion passed unanimously.

SET NEXT MEETING DATES

The following meeting dates were set:

1. Thursday, February 8, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. (*Quarterly meeting, lunch to be provided*)
2. Thursday, March 14, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.
3. Thursday, April 11, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.